

Grace United Methodist Church

Conference Related Institutions

Report

Connectional Ministries

Relation to United Theological Seminary

Over the last ten years, Franklin Grace UMC has made some intentional efforts to build a bridge to United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. The following represents some of the aspects of that “bridge-building” in the life of the congregation.

Areas of Collaboration

Here are ways ministries have unfolded between Franklin Grace UMC and UTS. We consider these ministries as ways of gesturing toward our mutual mission and heritage.

1. EUB/Links

Franklin Grace Church has been blessed with numerous leaders from the EUB Tradition. The Bishop Milhouse family, along with Dr. George Jacobs and Rev. Wilma Allen, comprise a rich tapestry of ministry. There are many more. Rewarding has been how these aspects have come to the fore.

George Jacobs served on the EUB Heritage Committee at UTS.

2. Board of Trustees

Both Bob Coleman and Andy Kinsey have served on the Board of Trustees at UTS.

3. Bob Coleman Scholarship

Grace Church worked with Bob Coleman to raise over \$100,000 to fund a new scholarship to assist ministerial students in the Indiana Conference to attend UTS.

Gabriele Ginder received the first award and now serves at Sonrise in Fort Wayne.

4. Educational Opportunities

Several professors at UTS over the years have taught classes at Grace Church: Jason Vickers, David Watson, Peter Belini – dealing with prayer, Wesleyan theology, ministries with persons who are disabled, and prayer. All of which have been implemented in some fashion.

5. Prayer Ministries and Workshop

Peter Belini came to Grace Church to conduct a workshop on prayer ministries and worked with our Prayer Teams to create more ministries of prayer.

6. Preaching and Worship

David Watson and Kent Millard have been current preachers at Grace Church and collaborated on the GLS Summit.

7. Host Site

Grace Church has provided space to host a workshop on prayer and clergy in Indiana, led by the chaplain at UTS.

8. Award

Andy Kinsey received the Distinguished Ministry Award from UTS.

9. Ongoing Scholarship Help

Grace Church continues to provide financial support to scholarships at UTS.

10. Doctor of Ministry Cohort

Andy Kinsey and Kent Millard are seeking to lead a Cohort of students in the area of Stewardship and Leadership in the Doctor of Ministry program.

11. Josephy Molungo

To study at United Theological Seminary while serving at Grace UMC in Franklin.

Andy Kinsey

Jenothy Irvine